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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" My question was to the effect, whether the Government will allow them to register these lorries as public carriers. The Hon. Minister has simply given the information and not answered my question."

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" If the hon. Member had listened to my answer to part (b) of the original question, he would not have repeated the question. It contains the information that some lorries have already been registered as public carriers. We have no objection to register any further number of them."

Handloom Weavers' Relief Scheme in Cuddapah district.

* 85 Q.—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) how many weavers have been benefited in Cuddapah district through the Handloom Weavers' Relief Scheme in the first quarter year of the relief period;

(b) how many weavers have been admitted into and paid share capital in the Weavers' Co-operative Societies under the above relief scheme in the said district; and

(c) the total amount of wages that have been paid for work under the relief scheme in Cuddapah district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Six hundred and six weavers.

" (b) Only 67 weavers joined the societies under the scheme though 349 new weavers were permitted to be admitted.

" (c) A sum of Rs. 5,631–8–0 was paid as wages up to 30th September 1952."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" ప్రశ్న వేస్తున్నానండి. అందు ఈ పెద్ద జనాభాలో రిలీఫును గురించి ఇప్పుడు చెప్పిన సంఖ్యలనుబట్టి ఈ రిలీఫు స్కీము ఫైల్యూరుగ (failure) పరిగణించవచ్చునా? దీని స్థానే మరొక నిజమైన రిలీఫు స్కీమును పెట్టుటకై ఆలోచిస్తారా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We do not consider that the relief scheme is a failure. Evidently, some other factor more powerful than even the influence of the hon. Member and the Government, is preventing the workers from coming into the fold."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know whether the Government have taken any decision on the suggestion made by the High Power Handloom Committee to give at least a minimum wage of 6 annas per knot and also allow the handloom weavers to form into new co-operative societies under the relief scheme? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member must be aware that the recommendation of the High Power Committee is to pay the prevailing wage or 6 annas whichever is favourable. In many parts the wage level is 3½ annas, 4 annas

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or 4½ annas. It was not the intention of the High Power Committee to raise the wage and allow weavers to come into the new societies. I may add that ours is a famine wage and not a fair wage."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know the average monthly wages that a weaver gets under the relief scheme?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like to have notice. It all depends on the condition prevailing in the various districts."

SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" వీవర్లకు అనేక స్కీములు ప్రభుత్వం వేస్తున్నది గాని ఏ స్కీముకూడా సక్సెసు (succeed) అయినట్లు ప్రభుత్వ రిపోర్టులవల్ల తెలియదు. నిజముగా వీవర్ల కష్టాలు పరిష్కారము కావడానికి సరిఅయిన మార్గం ఏదైనా ప్రభుత్వం పూనుకుంటుందా అండి?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We have introduced this scheme in the hope that many weavers who are outside the fold of co-operative societies will come into it. We hope they will soon do it."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that some of the handloom weavers are not admitted into these societies on account of the existence of vested interest? May I also know the decision taken by the Government on the suggestion to organize new societies under the relief scheme?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said in answer to the original question, in one particular society about 349 new members were admitted, but of these only 67 joined the society. Therefore, it is difficult to reconcile this position with the statement just now made by the hon. Member."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Government had guaranteed these co-operative societies against any loss that may be sustained on account of the sale of the products. Will the Hon. Minister tell us how much this Government had to pay because of this guarantee so far?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like to have notice on this question."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఒక కో-ఆపరేటివు సొసైటీలో ఎంతమందిని చేర్చుకుంటామని అన్నా చేనేత పారిశ్రామికులు చేరడములేదు అని మంత్రిగారు చెబుతున్నారు. ఆ కో-ఆపరేటివు సొసైటీ విషయంగాక ప్రగడ కోటయ్యగారు చెప్పిన మరొక సందర్భమును గురించి మంత్రిగారు విచారించి అటువంటిది జరుగకుండా మంత్రిగారు హామీ ఇస్తున్నారా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The intention of the Government is to permit as many weavers as are willing to come into the fold of the scheme. If the hon. Member brings to my notice instances wherein members applied but were not admitted, I shall look into the matter." 8-40 a.m.

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SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" My question was not answered. I wanted to know whether the recommendation for providing share capital to handloom weavers to form new co-operative societies under the new scheme would be accepted by the Government?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member knows that so far as new societies are concerned, the recommendation made by the Handloom Committee and accepted by the Government was that at least 50 per cent of those forming a new society must pay the actual share capital or all must be willing to pay 25 per cent of the share capital."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Is it not a fact that there is discretion given to panchayatdars in the matter of admission of weavers and if so will the Government consider the question of revising the by-laws framed under the Co-operative Societies Act?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" అధ్యక్షా, కో-ఆపరేటివ్ సొసైటీలలో చేరడానికి వీవర్సు ఎక్కువగా రావడములేదని చెప్తున్నారు గాని కో-ఆపరేటివ్ సంఘాలకు ఇచ్చే నూలుకోటా చాలా తక్కువగా ఉంది. పైగా కో-ఆపరేటివ్ సొసైటీలు కూడా ఎక్కువ ధరపెట్టి బైట నూలు కొనుక్కోవలసి వస్తున్నది. ఈ విషయాన్ని మంత్రిగారు దృష్టిలో ఉంచుకొని సహకార సంఘాలకు ప్రోత్సాహం ఇచ్చేందుకు తగు చర్యలు తీసుకుంటారా ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, at the present moment there is enough yarn available in all counts except one or two particular counts. We have permitted the co-operative societies first to exhaust all the yarn in the society itself and then go into the open market to buy whatever counts they want. I am satisfied there is enough yarn available now."

SRI P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO :—" చాలామంది చేనేత కార్మికులు తయారుచేసిన బట్ట బజారులో అమ్మకము కావడములేదు. అంతేకాకుండా చేనేత కార్మికులు నూలును కొనుక్కోలేని స్థితిలో ఉన్నారు. ఇప్పుడైనా చేనేతవారికి చౌకగా నూలు అందేటట్లు వారు నేసినబట్ట నిలువకాకుండా ఖర్చు అయ్యే మార్గం ప్రభుత్వం ఏమైనా ఏర్పాటు చేస్తుందా ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I must say that last year—1951–52—more than 64 lakhs of rupees worth of handloom cloth was sold and at present there is enough yarn. We will do our best to see that the weaver gets yarn at cheaper rates."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The spinning mills in our State are working for hardly 3 days in a week for the last three months in spite of what the Hon. the Minister for Industries says, viz., there is enough yarn in the State for handloom weavers. Will he explain why it is so?"

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The power cut has started only from last month. Its adverse effects may be known in three or four months' time. I may tell the hon. Member that for the month of December and also for the month of January the allotments made to most of the societies were not taken, because there was no demand."

Alleged use of tear gas on demonstrators near the Collectorate, Visakhapatnam.

*86 Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the police used tear gas on the peaceful demonstrators near the Collectorate, Visakhapatnam, on 17th December 1952; and

(b) if so, what necessitated this action?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) It is true that on 17th December 1952 the police had to use tear-gas to disperse a crowd of demonstrators near the Collectorate, Visakhapatnam. A large crowd of students, about 5,000, went to the Collectorate demanding that the Office of the Collector should be closed and squatted in front of the office. Two M.L.As. and some members of the local Bar Association also met the Collector and requested him to close his office. The Collector pointed out to them that it would not be proper for him to do so and requested them to urge the students who were squatting in front of his office to disperse. These gentlemen informed the students accordingly. Thereafter the police party under the charge of the Assistant Superintendent of Police and Personal Assistant to the Collector were pelted with stones and shoes. After due warning the police used tear gas to disperse the crowd. One student tried to attack a constable and he was arrested and was set free later on.

It is not correct to suggest that the demonstrators were peaceful. Government are satisfied that the use of tear gas was right and that, but for it the situation might have taken a much worse turn."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" ఇప్పుడు ప్రధాన మంత్రిగారు ఒక చరిత్రను చదివేరు. అందులో ఈ విషయం కలగాపులగం చెయ్యడం జరిగింది. జిల్లా కలెక్టరువద్దకు వెళ్లి తిరిగి వచ్చేలోపున టియరు గ్యాసు (tear gas) ఉపయోగించటము జరిగింది. ఈటియరు గ్యాసు అక్కడ ఉన్న A.S.P. అవసరములేకుండా ఉపయోగించేడు. అక్కడ ప్రజలనుండి ఏమైనా ఫిర్యాదులు వచ్చినవా? వానిపై ప్రభుత్వం ఏమైనా విచారణ జరిపించినారా అని నేను అడుగుతున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not accept the statement of facts as put by the hon. Member which differ from what I have stated already to which I stick."